

How To Guide

2016 RS Adventurous



HOW TO: Potable Water Use

Your Roadtrek can operate in either fully self-contained mode, or can be connected to a water supply such as a campsite's faucet.

The city water connection is in the driver's side front access bay, to the left of the propane tank. Unscrew the white plastic protective cap and connect your clean hose to the water faucet and to a water pressure regulator attached to this connection point. Turn the faucet on and check for leaks, tightening the connections as necessary.



Campgrounds and municipalities vary greatly in supplied water pressure. Before connecting to external water supplies, purchase and install a pressure regulator inline with the water connection.

In a typical campground you may see the faucet with a backflow preventer attached. These look similar to a pressure regulator but do not affect the pressure. The backflow preventor is there to protect the campground. You need the pressure regulator to protect yourself from excess pressure.



Backflow preventer



Typical water pressure regulator (Owner supplied)



City water fill location

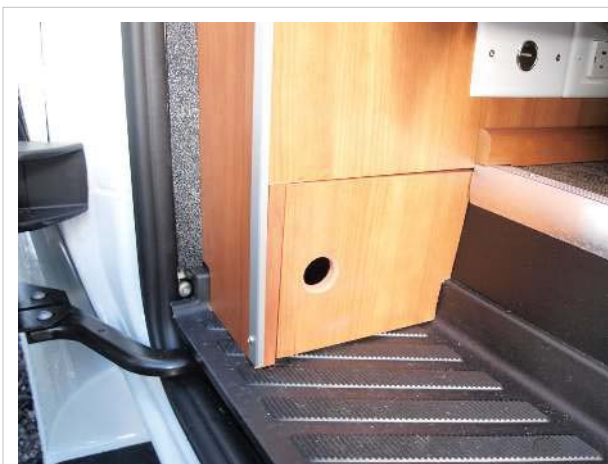


Built-in pressure regulator

❗ If you have the words "Pressure Regulator" stamped on your city water connection, you do not need an external pressure regulator. If in doubt, use an external pressure regulator.

The city water inlet connection is located in the front driver's side compartment, to the left of the propane tank.

⚠ Roadtrek recommends that you use a dedicated single purpose potable-water hose. These are usually white in color. Buy a new one and use it only for filling your tanks and connecting to city water. View any hose lying around a campground with extreme skepticism, especially if there's a wastewater dump nearby. Large RVs use hoses to flush their wastewater system.



Access to the city water valve, side door area



City water valve in closed, across-the-line position

To connect the Roadtrek's water system to an outside source:

- Turn the water pump off.
- Close the city tank fill valve by turning the handle to the across-the-line position. The city water valve is behind the wood access panel to the left of the side door step (see photos above).
- Close all interior faucets.
- Flush old water and any contaminants out of the water supply faucet.
- Connect your fresh water hose to the faucet.
- Attach your pressure regulator to the Roadtrek's city water connection.
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- Slowly open the faucet of the city water source.
- The city water connection by-passes the water pump and fresh water tank. Therefore, the use of these items is not necessary when connected directly to an external water source. Leave your water pump turned off when connected to city water.



Attaching pressure
regulator to city water
fill location



Hose connected

To disconnect the city water connection:

- Turn off the external water source.
- Open a faucet to relieve the pressure in the system. Failure to do so will not damage your vehicle, but may result in an unexpected shower when you disconnect the hose. The galley sink is a handy place to do this.
- Make sure the city tank fill valve is closed (handle across the line).
- Remove the hose from the city water connection, and replace the cap on the fill connection.
- Disconnect the hose from the supply faucet and stow it inside your vehicle. Connecting the ends is a handy way to prevent dirt or other contaminants from entering the hose while stored, and residual water from leaking out.



If you hear your pump running constantly, and water pressure is low inside the vehicle after disconnecting from an external water source, it is because you have not properly positioned the city water valve. Make sure the black plastic handle is perpendicular to (across) the water line when your water system is in self-contained mode.